

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Criminal No. 16-95
	)	
BRAD TROUP,	)	Judge Cathy Bissoon
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER**

Defendant’s Motion (Doc. 120) for compassionate release, based on Covid-19 related health concerns, will be denied.

Although Defendant claims to suffer a “documented history of obesity” and high cholesterol, the records he has submitted to not appear to confirm the same. Even were the conditions documented, the Court is required to balance them with the factors resulting in Defendant’s original sentence, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

The Court finds release unjustified given the nature, circumstances and seriousness of Defendant’s offense, and the needs for just punishment and deterrence. In simplest terms, Defendant’s drug-related criminal activity resulted in the death of an overdose-victim. One may speculate that, had the victim not acquired controlled substances from Defendant, he would have acquired them from some other source. The fact remains, however, that the victim’s death was a direct result of Defendant’s criminal activity; and, in the Court’s view, the risk that Defendant’s conduct imposed on his victim is no less consequential, and worthy of consideration, than the risks he presently faces from his resulting custodial-sentence. The victim’s family has echoed these sentiments. *See* Ltr. opposing release (Doc. 139-1).

Having weighed the specific facts and circumstances regarding Defendant, vis-à-vis Covid-19 – along with all of the considerations in Section 3553 – the Court cannot agree that release is warranted. For these reasons, along with the others identified in the government’s opposition (Doc. 139), Defendant’s Motion (**Doc. 120**) for compassionate release is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

February 1, 2021

s/Cathy Bissoon

Cathy Bissoon

United States District Judge

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